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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES, AND )  
METHODS FOR SAME )

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend and add new claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for treating a [semiconductor] field effect transistor device comprising passivating said device with deuterium after conductive contacts of a source, drain and gate of said device have been fabricated.